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FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
JUNE 28 ON VOA REPORT RE VIETNAM/CAMBODIA CONFLICT:

QUESTION: THE VOA AND OTHER REPORTS TODAY QUOTE US
OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT VIETNAM HAS LAUNCHED A MAJOR
OFFENSIVE AGAINST CAMBODIA. CAN YOU CONFIRM?

ANSWER: AS WE HAVE REPEATEDLY SAID, OUR REPORTS FROM THE
AREA ARE SKETCHY AND LIMITED. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION,
NOR DO NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE, TO ATTEMPT TO CHARACTER-
IZE THE INTENT OR SCALE OF THE FIGHTING BETWEEN VIETNAM AND
CAMBODIA. IT APPEARS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT
UPSURGE IN FIGHTING DURING RECENT WEEKS AT VARIOUS POINTS
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ALONG THE BORDER. HOWEVER, THIS FIGHTING HAS BEEN GOING
ON FOR MONTHS, WITH UPS AND DOWNS IN INTENSITY. WE ARE
NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF TROOPS CLAIMED BY THE VOA
AND OTHER REPORTS AS INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING. FOR THIS
REASON, THE VOA REPORT IS INACCURATE AND MISLEADING.

QUESTION: THE VOA REPORT ALSO QUOTES US OFFICIALS AS

SAYING VIETNAM'S OBJECTIVE APPEARS TO BE THE DESTRUCTION
OF CAMBODIA'S ABILITY TO ATTACK VIETNAM. WOULD YOU AGREE
WITH THAT ANALYSIS?

ANSWER: AS WE HAVE SAID, IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR US TO
SPECULATE ON EITHER VIETNAMESE OR CAMBODIAN OBJECTIVES IN
THIS CONFLICT, AND WE DO NOT INTEND TO DO SO.

QUESTION: A FBIS REPORT QUOTES THE VIETNAMESE NEWS AGENCY
AS CLAIMING THAT UPRISINGS BY THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE ARE
OCCURRING AGAINST THEIR GOVERNMENT. HAVE YOU ANY INFORMA-
TION TO INDICATE THIS IS TRUE?

ANSWER: WE DO NOT. VANCE

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